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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: COMAYAQUA AND SAN PEDRO SULA

--- HOSPITALS (ARCHITECTURAL WORK)

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4498; TEGUCIGALPA 2360

1. SKIDMORE OWINGS AND MERRILL (SOM), REQUESTS EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN FURTHER PURSUING SUBJECT PROJECT. SOM HAS WRITTEN TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO INDICATE AN INTEREST IN PERFORMING THE ARCHITECTURAL WORK ON THESE TWO HOSPITALS FOR WHICH IDB IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE A LOAN. SOM IS CONSIDERING MAKING A TRIP TO HONDURAS TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES FIRST HAND. THIS TRIP COULD BE MADE AS

EARLY AS THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.

2. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING THE TRIP, SOM HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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WHETHER THE MINISTRY IS SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN HAVING

U.S. FIRMS PARTICIPATE IN THE BIDDING. SOM IS MAKING THIS REQUEST BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT MUCH RECENT DESIGN WORK IN CENTRAL AMERICA HAS BEEN DONE BY NATIONALS OF THE COUNTRY INVOLVED.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT EMBASSY RECEIVES POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM MINISTRY PUBLIC HEALTH, SOM WOULD ALSO LIKE REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE SETTING UP APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER DR. ENRIQUE AGUILAR PAZ. MAJOR PROJECTS WILL PROVIDE NAME OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AND SCHEDULE IN LATER CABLE.

4. SOM ALSO REQUESTS EMBASSY PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND OR BONA FIDES ON CASTILLO Y POUJOL AN ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRM WITH WHICH SOM IS CONSIDERING FORMING AN ASSOCIATION. COULD EMBASSY ALSO SUGGEST NAMES OF SEVERAL MORE A AND E FIRMS WITH WHICH SOM MIGHT ASSOCIATE.

5. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ALL THESE MATTERS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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